



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF MINING PROGRAMS

INSPECTION REPORT

NONCOAL

Date: 3/16/2017

Mine Name New Hope Quarry

Weather Clear 23 F

Complete Partial

On Site Times 0954 - 1200

PERMITTEE New Hope Crushed Stone & Lime Co.	TOWNSHIP Solebury	COUNTY Bucks	PERMIT NO. 7974SM3
ADDRESS: PO Box 248 New Hope PA 18938-0248	VIOLATION HISTORY 0 NOV'S 2 CO'S	<input type="checkbox"/> VIOLATIONS NOTED PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTED <input type="checkbox"/> UNCORRECTED	<input type="checkbox"/> FOLLOW-UP INSP. REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLIANCE ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> FTC ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> CEASE ORDER
GENERAL MINING INFORMATION: Large <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small 10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> GP 105 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP 103 <input type="checkbox"/> Expiration Date: 8/10/2021			LICENSE NO. & EXP. DATE 1879 8/31/2017 OPERATIONAL STATUS Active

a. Areas-Minerals-Pit Dimensions (L/W/H)-Method: Limestone open pit- ~2550' x ~1100' x ~315'
b. Equipment-Use & Conditions: crushing/screening plants; FELs; haul trucks; track excavators; backhoe; water truck- good condition

c. Contract Miner: Yes No Name: _____ d. Approved Blast Plan: Yes No Is there blasting today? Yes No

Approved Acres	Approved Pit Volume	Progress of Reclamation	Liability
Mining Area: 141 Support:	yd ³	Regraded acres Topsoiled acres	Current Bond
Disturbed not planted:	Current Pit Volume	Water Impoundment : Acres Approved Acres Actual	\$356,199.73 (paid in)
Affected acres	yd ³	Planted, Grasses acres	Current Liability
Mining Area: 141 Support:	Selective Grading of Highwall	Trees Required ac. Planted ac.	\$1,144,028.80
Disturbed not planted:	Approved: yd ³ Current:	Meeting Stage 1 criteria: acres	

Highwall Bond (Blasting to achieve reclamation) Approved/Affected

<20 ft.	ft.	ft.	>20<30 ft.	ft.	ft.	>30<40 ft.	ft.	ft.	>40<50 ft.	ft.	ft.	>50 ft.	ft.	ft.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARDS NONCOAL

Obs.	STANDARD	PC or Reg.	Viol.	Comp. Date	Obs.	STANDARD	PC or Reg.	Viol.	Comp. Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unauthorized Mining		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Air Resources Protection		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mining License		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Concurrent Reclamation		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signs and Markers		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Backfilling and Grading		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Topsoil-Rem/Storage/Handling		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Revegetation		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Effluent Standard		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Haul Roads		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diversions and Conveyance		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Safety		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sediment Control Measures		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Permit Conditions		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treatment Facilities		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary Mining Cessation		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sedimentation Ponds		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Distance Limitations-Barriers		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discharge Structures		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bench Development		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dams, Ponds-Design/Const./Maint.		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Permit Line Setback		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water Monitoring-Ground/Surface		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Stability Analysis		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Discharge-Underground Mine		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blasting Requirement		<input type="checkbox"/>	

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: This inspection report is to note a site meeting with MSHA and NHCS to discuss the slide on the East side of the pit. Mr. Ralph Bennett (Inspector/MSHA), Mr. Bill MacDonald (Supervisor/MSHA), Mr. Gary Latsha (SMCIS/DEP), Mr. Tim Romano (Co-Superintendent) and Mr. Jeff Phillips (Co-Superintendent) were in attendance. We traveled to the south entrance of the 4th level to observe the remediation of the material that slid onto the 3rd level. One long reach track excavator was removing material from the 2nd level and placing it on the top level (1st). One front-end loader was moving the material into a pile south of the excavator. We then traveled to the NE corner and discussed how to remediate the safety issue (falling material from the highwall/sloped area) along the north side haul road. We discussed building a new road at the top of the pit and constructing a new haul road using the existing section of an old haul road along the north wall. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Romano felt that using the existing part of the old haul road would be the best option and could be done by their employees. This option would allow access to the west side of the pit and would accomplish some reclamation of the north side of the pit as well as remediate the safety issues with over hanging material along the current haul road. This reclamation work could then potentially reduce the amount of time associated with a temporary idling of reclamation work associated with the required MSHA corrective action; as requested in recent New Hope correspondence. Mr. Philips and Mr. Romano were asked to contact Mr. Latsha if there were any concerns or questions.

Mr. Ralph Bennett (Inspector/MSHA) issued 5 citations to the operator for this incident.

Person Contacted Mr. Tim Romano	Title Co-Superintendent	Discharge/Seeps: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Samples Collected: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Signature	Investigator Signature Amiee Bollinger	Range of Samples Collected	Collector ID No. 4519 Employee ID No. 608058

The Operator's signature acknowledges that he has read the report, including the reverse side, and that he was given the opportunity to discuss it with the investigator. The signature does not necessarily mean he agrees with the report.

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Yellow - Permittee

Pink - Inspector

APPEAL NOTICE

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal, pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. Section 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa. C.S. Chapter 5A, to the Environmental Hearing Board, Second Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457, 717-787-3483. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800-654-5984. Appeals must be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board within 30 days of receipt of written notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time period. Copies of the appeal may be obtained from the Board. At 717-787-3483. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

Violations of performance standards on operations permitted prior to the effective date of the regulations promulgated pursuant to Act 219, the 1984 Noncoal SMCRA shall be cited as a violation of permit conditions and shall be designated as PC on the reverse side in the column headed by PC or Reg.

Violations of performance standards on operations permitted after the effective date of the regulations promulgated pursuant to Act 219, the 1984 Noncoal SMCRA shall be cited as a violation of the regulations.



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<p>Violation History: CO issued 8/26/2016- Subchapter E 77.102(f)(1) & (2) and Section 11(b) of the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act. (GL)</p> <p>CO issued 10/1/2015 - Section 7 (c)(5) and (10) of the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, 52 P.S. § 3307(c)(5) and (10). (GL)</p>			
Person Contacted Mr. Tim Romano	Title Co-Superintendent		
Signature	Investigator Signature Amiee Bollinger	Employee ID No. 608058	

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This report is official notification that a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection has conducted an investigation of your operation. All violations observed by the Department have been noted on this report form.

If a Cessation Order was issued by the Department, the District Office will provide you a written confirmation of that Order. You should not wait until you receive this confirmation Order before taking appropriate action.

For those violations where a compliance date has not been specified, the District Office will specify compliance date by written Order. You should, again, not wait until you receive this Order before taking appropriate action.

For those violations that can be corrected quickly, the Department has specified a compliance date. There will be no written confirmation from the District Office for those violations. If you fail to meet the compliance date specified on this inspection form, however, you may be subject to future legal or administrative action.

If the Department uncovers any violations based on laboratory reports of further consideration of the conditions described in this report, the District Office will notify you of such violations, in writing, when they are uncovered.

This report does not constitute an Order or other appealable action of the Department. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to grant or imply immunity from legal action for any violation noted herein.